

GRAFT PLOTS TO CHEAT THE GOVERNMENT

Contractors for Cantonments Charged with Scheming to Raise Costs and Add Thousands of Dollars to Profits.

Widespread graft plots to bilk the government out of thousands of dollars on army cantonments—and possibly on naval vessels, although the latter has not been proved—have been discovered.

The workings of the scheme were simple and assured heavy profits to the contractors involved. The whole plot brings back the scent of the embezzled beef scandals of the Spanish war.

In order to obtain speed on cantonment construction work the War Department arranged to award contracts on a cost plus basis, that is, they agreed to pay the contractor all costs of material and labor and assure him a fair profit. Seven per cent of the sum total expended on the contract was the figure set as profit. In the navy a number of contracts were let at cost plus 10 per cent profit.

In addition to a great amount of other construction work the army had contracts to let for sixteen cantonments at a total cost of \$77,000,000. This would assure more than five millions in profit to the contractors. Hundreds of millions are being spent by the navy.

WASHINGTON BOY, VOUNDED AT VIMY RIDGE, TELLS STORY OF HISTORIC ATTACK

"Bill" Covert, Former Employee of The Herald, Manned Gun in an Exposed Position.

Here is "Bill" Covert's story—"Young Bill" who's only 19 and used to be a printer in the Herald composing room—how the Canadian outfit he's in swept over Vimy Ridge. He tells the story to one of his friends on The Herald in a letter written at Brook War Hospital, Woolwich, London, where he is recovering now from wounds on his back, his arms, his neck and his ears.

This is the way "Bill" tells it:

Dear Arch:

I am going to give you a little more information about my trip "over the top" at Vimy, which led to my final treatment at the hands of the "wicked Hun."

The battalion left the camp near Mount St. Eloi, en route to the line at 3:30 p. m., Sunday night, April 8. We arrived at our destination at 2 a. m., next morning. My platoon was crowded into a wine cellar among the ruins of a village called Vaast. You can imagine for yourself how much sleep we got before going into the line. The next morning we opened up before daylight. The "Huns" were over the top first, and we followed them. I was in the front line, and I saw the first of the "Huns" who were killed. I saw the first of the "Huns" who were killed. I saw the first of the "Huns" who were killed.

LEADERS OF CHAMBER PREPARED TO RESIGN

Lending his unqualified support to the movement for a new trade commission, District Attorney Albert Schuitela, first vice president of the Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Board of Trade, declared last night that he was ready to resign his office and that all of the members of the chamber were willing to take similar action if it would in any way advance the movement.

"I am convinced that the sooner the unification is effected, the sooner we will be able to get on with our work," he said. "I have stood still for 50 years. I would summarize briefly the advantages of one government body thus:

1. Increased influence with Congress and the advancement of our affairs for the District.
2. Ample working capital and the elimination of the American work with the consequent duplication of expense.
3. The opportunity for the city to expand commercially thus offering more avenues for employment for our boys and girls.
4. The greater influence of our word and our force with Congress and the advancement of our affairs for the District.
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AMERICAN SHIP SUNK; IDENTITY A MYSTERY

Disaster, See Vessel Torpedoed.

(By International News Service.)

Paris, June 8.—An unknown American ship has been sunk by a German submarine in the English channel, boats containing survivors were shelled and sunk.

News of the destruction of the ship and the subsequent attack on the survivors was received at a French port today from the English channel. The French sailing ship Jeanne Cordouan was sunk.

The French sailors were in small boats, their own ship having been sunk by a U-boat, when they witnessed the destruction of the American vessel. Both ships were sunk on May 31. The French sailors suffered great hardships but finally managed to reach Havre. They said they were so far from the American steamer that they could not distinguish her name.

UNSOLICITED CIRCULATION INCREASES

The increases recorded below for each day of this week were secured without the aid of canvassers.

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STEALING REGISTRATION CARDS

New York, June 8.—New York slacks are using registration cards stolen from Philadelphia to evade the registration law here, police today charged. The blank cards have been filled in with the names of the holders, and names of registrars are forged. Detectives are trying to trace the plot and run down the sellers of the blank cards.

MINING ENGINEERS DEFY REGISTRATION MEN

Virginians Open Guerrilla Warfare, Firing on National Guardsmen.

(By International News Service.)

Washington, June 8.—The mountainous of this section are up in arms against the carrying out of the selective draft system, as desultory guerrilla warfare has developed.

For the past two nights the mountain men have been firing from ambush at the National Guardsmen and agents of the Department of Justice who were sent into this district after the law to resist conscription was disclosed.

A posse of Guardsmen, while scouring the mountains, traced a small gang of outlaws to the entrance of a cave. They surrounded the place, but the outlaws had the mountain men trapped. Later, however, it was learned that there was a secret outlet in the rear of the cave, through which the men escaped.

The guardsmen and government agents are hot on the trail of the outlaws, and arrests are expected at any time.

CURED OF ANTHRAX

New York, June 8.—William Marmack was discharged from Bellevue today as cured of anthrax. He contracted the disease while handling hides, and had been in the hospital three weeks.

EAT LIBERTY LOAN PIE; Save Money, Buy a Bond

Chicago, June 8.—Leading Chicago hotels and restaurants patronized today they are serving their patrons Liberty Loan pie—an economical dish—and advising them to put aside the money they save thereon and buy Liberty bonds.

The pie cost 30 cents each, and one will serve four people. They contain meat and five different vegetables. Recipes will be supplied to housewives by the Liberty Loan Committee.

SHIPPING BOARD RETAINS ENGINEER EUSTIS, OSTENSIBLY BACKING WOODEN-VESSEL PLAN

Charges made by Fred A. Eustis and F. Huntington Clark, the two engineers assigned to the United States Emergency Fleet Corporation, that Gen. Goethals, head of the corporation, has killed the wooden-ship idea, developed these sensational features yesterday. Goethals dismissed Messrs. Clark and Eustis for lack of loyalty and misstatement and misrepresentation.

HARDING RAPS WOODS' NEWS

Senator Denies U. S. Is in War "to Make World Safe for Democracy."

One of the first partisan debates since the outbreak of the war in the Senate yesterday, it attacked the administration for its attitude toward the war. Mr. Harding, who held the floor, said that the United States was not in the war "to make the world safe for democracy," but to protect its own interests.

IRISH TROOPS WIN DAY FOR HAIG; 6,400 TEUTONS CAPTURED IN BELGIAN DRIVE

(By International News Service.)

London, June 8.—Irish troops won the day for General Haig in the Wytschaete battlefield yesterday. Men from the south of the Green Isle stormed forward side by side with Ulsterites. To them was credited today the victory that resulted in the crushing of the Teutons.

PASSPORTS GIVEN ENVOY.

The Hague, June 8.—The Haitian Minister to Germany has been handed his passport, according to advice from Berlin.

Haiti recently sent a note to Germany protesting against the embargo on the island and demanding guarantees for the future.

BRIGGS, J. N. Darling (Ding)

Briggs, in his cartoons, transcribes into black and white the style of humor that has become a genuine human emotion.

His humor is clean, full of human interest, and his wide knowledge of subjects, such as RELIGION, GOALS, FRIENDSHIP, WHEN A FRIEND NEEDS A FRIEND, THE DAYS OF REAL SPORT, ETC., are familiar to a vast army of readers.

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BRITISH SHIP SUNK; FIVE DEAD, 28 LOST

Steamer Southland Torpedoed. Five Americans Rescued.

(By International News Service.)

New York, June 8.—Five persons were killed and 28 are missing as a result of the torpedoing and sinking of the 12,000-ton British steamship Southland, according to message received at the offices of the International Mercantile Marine Company here this afternoon.

DRIFT TO BEGIN ABOUT JUNE 18

Conscripted Persons Must Appear Immediately for Physical Examination.

With reports on registration still coming in from the various States, the War Department yesterday turned its attention to the question of exemptions.

It was learned that the following routine had been determined upon:

1. Drafting will begin about June 18.
2. Names will be chosen by the jury wheel system by local officials for each 30,000 of population.
3. All men whose names are drawn will be required to appear for a physical examination before an official medical board.
4. If found physically fit, the man will then be given an opportunity, if desired, to present his claim for exemption to the President.
5. If the board of review, one of which will be established in each Federal judicial district. Here decision will be final, aside from a possible appeal to the President.

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AMERICAN TROOPS SEND LAST ADVANCE; PERSHING AND BOWEN ARRIVE

LOYAL GREETINGS 20,000 TROOPS BEFORE WATER

General Accompanied by Staff and Detachments of Engineers and Nurses.

Army Recruits Will Be Hurred to France Ahead of Original Schedule

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